

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of processing notifications issued by a plurality of computer processes, at least some of the notifications notifying ~~the a~~ user of a business event that requires the user to make a decision, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a notification server, coupling the notification server to the plurality of computer processes and enabling a user device of the user to couple to the notification server over a network, the notification server being ~~that is~~ configured to receive the notifications from the plurality of computer processes;

receiving the notifications in the notification server over ~~a~~ the network;

providing a notification application running on the notification server, the notification application being configured to process the received notifications and enable user interaction with the processed notifications over the network via the user device;

filtering, by the notification application, the received notifications to identify those of the received notifications that require a decision from the user;

coupling the user device to the notification application;

~~displaying links~~ causing links to the identified notifications to be displayed on the user device by the notification application ~~, within the notification application, to the identified notifications;~~

receiving a user interaction from the coupled user device indicating a selection by the user of one of the displayed links to the identified notifications;

~~when the user selects one of the displayed links, displaying~~ displaying, on the coupled user device, the received notification that corresponds to the selected link ~~within the notification application;~~

requesting that the user make a decision relative to the displayed notification and sending the decision from the user device to the notification application over the network;

generating a reply to the displayed notification within the notification application ~~and~~ according to the decision made by the user;

formatting the generated reply according to the computer process of the plurality of computer processes that issued the displayed notification, and

sending, over the network, the formatted reply from the notification application to the computer process that issued the displayed notification, without requiring the user to log onto the computer process that issued the displayed notification.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the link displaying step displays the links in a portal.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the link displaying ~~steps are carried out on~~ step is carried out with the user device being a mobile device.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the link displaying step displays a link to each of the received notifications.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer system for processing notifications issued by a plurality of computer processes, at least some of the notifications notifying ~~the a~~ user of a business event that requires the user to make a decision, comprising:

a network;

a notification server coupled to the network and configured to receive the notifications from the plurality of computer processes over the network;

a user device configured to couple to the notification server over the network;

a notification application running on the notification server, the notification application being configured to process the received notifications and enable user interaction with the processed notifications over the network via the user device;

~~at least one processor;~~

~~at least one data storage device;~~

a plurality of processes spawned by ~~said at least one processor~~ at least one of the notification server and the user device, the processes including processing logic for:

receiving the notifications ~~in a notification server that is configured to receive the notifications from the plurality of computer processes over a over the~~ network;

filtering, by a notification application running on the notification server, the received notifications to identify those of the received notifications that require a decision from the user;

~~displaying links~~ causing links to the identified notifications to be displayed on the user device by the notification application ~~, within the notification application, to the identified notifications;~~

receiving a user interaction from the coupled user device indicating a selection by the user of one of the displayed links to the identified notifications;

~~when the user selects one of the displayed links, displaying~~ displaying, on the coupled user device, the received notification that corresponds to the selected link ~~within the notification application;~~

requesting that the user make a decision relative to the displayed notification and sending the decision from the user device to the notification application over the network;

generating a reply to the displayed notification within the notification application ~~and~~ according to the decision made by the user;

formatting the generated reply according to the computer process of the plurality of computer processes that issued the displayed notification, and

sending, over the network, the formatted reply from the notification application to the computer process that issued the displayed notification, without requiring the user to log onto the computer process that issued the displayed notification.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The computer system of claim 7, wherein the link displaying step displays the links in a portal.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 7, wherein the displaying ~~steps are carried out on~~ step is carried out with the user device being a mobile device.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The computer system of claim 7, wherein the link displaying step displays a link to each of the received notifications.

13. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having data stored thereon representing sequences of instructions which, when executed by a computing device, causes said computing device to process notifications issued by a plurality of computer processes, at least some of the notifications notifying ~~the user~~ a user of a user device of a business event that requires the user to make a decision, by performing the steps of:

coupling the computing device to the plurality of computer processes over a network and enabling the user device to couple to the computing device over a network;

configuring the computing device to receive the notifications over the network;

receiving the notifications in ~~a notification server that is configured to receive the notifications from the plurality of computer processes over a network~~ the computing device;

filtering, by a notification application running on the notification server, the notifications received by the notification server to identify those of the received notifications that require a decision from the user, the notification application being configured to enable user interaction with the filtered notifications over the network via the user device;

~~displaying links, within~~ causing links to the identified notifications to be displayed on the user device, by the notification application, ~~to the identified notifications;~~

receiving a user interaction from the coupled user device indicating a selection by the user of one of the displayed links to the identified notifications;

~~when the user selects one of the displayed links, displaying~~ displaying, on the coupled user device, the received notification that corresponds to the selected link ~~within the notification application;~~

requesting that the user make a decision relative to the displayed notification and sending the decision from the user device to the notification application over the network within the notification application;

generating a reply to the displayed notification according to the decision made by the user;

formatting the generated reply according to the computer process of the plurality of computer processes that issued the displayed notification, and

sending, over the network, the formatted reply from the notification application to the computer process that issued the displayed notification, without requiring the user to log onto the computer process that issued the displayed notification.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the link displaying step displays the links in a portal.

16. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the user device is displaying steps are carried out on a mobile device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the link displaying step displays a link to each of the received notifications.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for a mobile device to process notifications issued by a plurality of computer processes, at least some of the notifications notifying ~~the a~~ user of the mobile device of a business event that requires the user to make a decision, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a notification server that is selectively accessible to the mobile device over a network and that is configured to receive and process the notifications from the plurality of computer processes over the network;

receiving, by the notification server, the issued notifications;

providing a notification application running on the notification server, the notification application being configured to process the received notifications and enable user interaction with the processed notifications over the network via the mobile device;

filtering, by the notification application, the notifications received by the notification server to identify those of the received notifications that require a decision from the user;

providing causing links to the identified notifications to be displayed on the mobile device;

sending, from the mobile device to the notification application, a user interaction indicating a selection by the user of one of the displayed links to the identified notifications;

~~when the user of the mobile device selects one of the provided links,~~ displaying on the mobile device the received notification that corresponds to the selected link;

requesting that the user make a decision on the mobile device relative to the displayed notification and sending the decision from the mobile device to the notification application over the network;

generating a reply to the displayed notification within the notification application ~~and~~ according to the decision made by the user;

formatting the generated reply according to the computer process of the plurality of computer processes that issued the displayed notification, and

sending, over the network, the formatted reply from the notification application to the computer process that issued the displayed notification, **without requiring the user to log onto the computer process that issued the displayed notification.**

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the link providing step displays the links in a portal accessible to the mobile device and to the user.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the link ~~providing~~ **displaying** **causing** step provides a link to each of the received notifications.

23 - 32. (Canceled)